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Congressional Districts

Indicator: Congressional districts of the United States for the 106th Congress. Congressional districts are apportioned by the number of residents.

Key Findings: There are 91 congressional districts in the eleven western states. Most are concentrated in and around large metropolitan areas. Those areas with the most BLM land are generally also the most sparsely populated and therefore support the largest congressional districts. Wyoming and Montana have only one district each, Idaho and Nevada have two each, and Utah and New Mexico have three each. Las Vegas, Nevada, offers a contrast in that the metropolitan area constitutes an isolated district. The small amount of BLM land included in this congressional district is of particularly high value to development interests. In addition, recreational demand by Las Vegas residents highly impacts the surrounding district.

Source: National Atlas of the United States of America:
<http://www.nationalatlas.gov/atlasftp.html>

Limitations: None

Comments: None

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